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## **Firm to Double Jobs Following Energy Upgrades**

[ATW Automation](#) plans to double its workforce to approximately 240 workers by 2015 following energy upgrades at its Mound St. facility in Dayton.

The maker of custom assembly automation and test systems for automotive and medical industry customers, formerly known as Assembly & Test Worldwide, is boosting its Dayton operations following acquisition in 2011 by ATS Automation of Cambridge, Ontario.

Locations in several Great Lakes-area cities were considered for the expanded ATW Automation operations. The region's skilled workforce and proximity to technical resources are two of the factors that encouraged the company to grow in Dayton.



The City of Dayton is supporting ATW Automation's growth through a \$175,000 grant from its Economic Development Energy Efficiency Fund, approved by the City Commission on May 2. The grant will assist CityWide Development Corporation, the building's owner, in a \$2.2 million renovation and energy retrofit of the facility.

Building improvements will include high efficiency heating and cooling, low E glass windows, and new light fixtures. ATW will extend its current lease on the property for an additional five years and will also participate in the City of Dayton's [DEAP](#) incentive program.

"Following the acquisition of ATW in early 2011 by ATS, a lot of hard work has gone into developing the business and strengthening the Dayton operation," said Chris Edwall, General Manager of ATW Dayton. "The collaboration with CityWide and the City of Dayton, has been an important element of the effort. We are very encouraged by the local labor pool and are working to build a stronger partnership with the University of Dayton and other local colleges to establish a program to develop young engineers and technicians."

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